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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In Re Application of:

Malik
Confirmation No.: 6782
Serial No.: 09/750,138
Group Art Unit: 2143
Filed: December 29, 2000
Examiner: Neurauter, George C.
Docket No.: 190252-1720

For: Method and Apparatus for Managing and Compacting Electronic Mail
Messages

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The outstanding Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 21, and 35 are amended; and claims 43-45 are added. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 15, 21-23, 26-28, and 30-45 are now pending in the present application. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response to the Final Office Action so that the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2006 is now effectively made non-final. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 20-0778.